

# THIRTY-TWO KILLED

## IN FALLING DISASTER ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC

# SCORES DEAD AND WOUNDED

## Calamity Occurs to Shriners' Train as They Were Worshipping, Near Howard, Hammond Road.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—While hurrying northward, over the coast line of the Southern Pacific railroad, Saturday afternoon, a train of Shriners, after a week of fraternal and feasts in Los Angeles, 145 Shriners of Ismailia temple of Buffalo and Rajah temple of Mendocino, with their families and friends, were hurled into the midst of death when their special train, running fifty miles an hour, struck a defective switch at Honda, a lonely station on the sand wastes of the Pacific coast, derailing the train, smashing the coaches into flinders, killing thirty-two almost instantly and injuring more than a score of others. The bodies of twenty-five lie in the morgues of Santa Barbara and ten more are at San Luis Obispo. The injured, many of whom are terribly hurt and will probably die, are in two sanitariums at San Luis Obispo.

The wreck occurred exactly at 2:25, one hour and forty-five minutes after the scheduled departure of a merry party, had spent all the morning sight-seeing in Santa Barbara. The statement that the train was making a terrific speed when it struck the defective track is borne out by the fact that it covered the sixty-one miles of coast and crooked track between her and Honda in exactly 100 minutes.

There was no warning of the impending calamity. The special ploughed upon the defective switch, and in an instant the big locomotive, baggage car, diner and Pullman, coupled with it were hurled together in a huge heap of wreckage. The engine shot forward on the broken track, tearing up the rails and twisting the huge iron axles into shambles. The baggage car half buried itself in the sand on the right side of the locomotive. It was smashed almost in a twinkling.

The dining car, in which were thirty-two people eating their noonday meal, leaped into the air and was thrown directly into the demolished locomotive. Nearly every person in this coach was instantly killed. Scores were scalded by steam escaping from disconnected pipes in the kitchen of the diner.

The terror and turmoil of the scene was indescribable. Many of those who escaped instant death by the first impact were crushed by the rear coaches hurled upon the wreckage. Others pinioned in the debris were roasted alive. The wreckage caught fire from the coals of the engine, but was extinguished in a few minutes by the passengers who escaped injury.

Reading, Pa.—Large crowds, anxious for news of the Southern California disaster and eager to learn the fate of members of the Rajah Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of this city besieged the telegraph offices. The estimate of the dead from Reading ranged all the way from eight to fifteen. A private telegram received here today says that the Reading party suffered the brunt of the disaster; that City Treasurer M. Tyson and wife and a few others escaped and nearly all the remainder were either killed or injured.

## FRUIT CROP IS DESTROYED.

Loss to Growers in Southwest and South Will be Enormous

Kansas City.—Reports from all parts of Kansas, western Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian Territory indicate almost complete destruction by frost of tree fruit crops, and serious injury to bush fruits, grapes and strawberries. Tender garden plants throughout the southwest were destroyed, but this causes small direct loss and the growers have already replanted. The replanted fields will not be yielding produce until summer, however, and the pulp states will send vegetables and small fruits north for several weeks longer than in usual seasons.

## Mrs. D. M. Houser is Dead.

St. Louis.—Mrs. Agnes Barlow Houser, wife of Daniel M. Houser, president of the Globe Printing company, publishing the Globe-Democrat, died Sunday from the effects of a self-inflicted bullet wound in the right temple. Mrs. Houser was found by her husband on his return from an automobile ride with his two sons, Duane and Douglas. He was informed by servants that his wife was in her room breathing heavily and evidently ill. Mr. Houser entered the room and found his wife on the bed with a revolver in her hand.

## Kuroki Leaves for Jamestown.

Washington.—After spending the day sight-seeing, General Baron Kuroki, with the Chinese and Chinese visitors, left on the steamer Newport for Norfolk to visit the Jamestown exposition.

## Ravages of Green Bug.

Wichita, Kas.—Wheat, especially in the southeastern portion of Nebraska, has suffered about 10 per cent, owing to the influx of green bugs and continued drought. Summer county, Kansas, will not make over 40 per cent.

## New Laws in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The extra session of the Missouri legislature has passed eleven general bills. Four restrict the liquor traffic, one regulates public utilities, one destroys the last hope of the race track men and two are for the protection of labor.

Kansas City, Mo.—T. C. Webster, who was taken from an outboard sofa here on April 2, was returned to his home in St. Louis last night. He had been held in custody for the last two days and is still healthy.

## HEIR FOR THE THRONE.

### Don Born to King and Queen of Spain on the 14th.

Madrid.—Queen Victoria gave birth on Friday to a son, who became heir to the throne of Spain.

The birth of the royal baby has been awaited with great interest throughout Spain. The news from the palace that the announcement was imminent spread like wildfire and crowds flocked to the great plaza fronting the royal palace. The happy event had taken the capital somewhat by surprise, for only yesterday afternoon the queen had taken her customary drive and the court physicians had intimated that another two weeks would pass before confinement.

Messengers were hastily dispatched to the prime minister and other chief court dignitaries, as the advent of an heir to the throne of Spain is an event of the deepest political significance. Through the early morning ministers and big functionaries arrived at the court of the palace.

Meantime word reached the waiting throngs that the queen was progressing well. The doctors pronounced her condition normal and satisfactory. King Alfonso remained at the queen's bedside.

At 8 o'clock in the morning the king cancelled the meeting of the council of ministers, which was to have considered current state affairs. By 10 o'clock the high functionaries of the state and capital, with many ambassadors and ministers, in their court costumes, had reached the palace. At noon this assemblage of the nobility and power of Spain was grouped in the royal apartments set aside for official ceremonies awaiting with feelings of profound emotion the announcement of the birth of the heir.

The birth of the babe occurred at 12:45 p. m. The announcement was immediately conveyed to the waiting officials and crowds outside the palace, who received the glad tidings with mingled feelings of enthusiasm and emotion. That the queen had been blessed with a son a male heir to the throne was no less welcome than the happy event itself.

The formal announcement of the birth of the child was made by the cameraman mayor, or mistress of the robes, to Premier Maura, who formally communicated the fact to the distinguished company in the words, "Gentlemen, it is a prince."

## BRYAN'S COUSIN BANKRUPT.

Nebraskan is Among the Creditors of Thomas S. Marshall.

St. Louis.—A special to the Republic from Centralia, Ill., says: Thomas S. Marshall, formerly cashier of the Salem National bank, a cousin of William J. Bryan, a member of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture from the Twenty-third congressional district, failed Friday and filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court at East St. Louis, fixing his liabilities at \$300,000. The heaviest creditors are the trustees of the Chicago National bank, of which John R. Walsh was president at the time of its failure. Among his creditors are W. J. Bryan, to whom \$6,000 is due.

## TWO-CENT FARE IN ILLINOIS.

Springfield, Ill.—The bill providing for a maximum passenger fare of two cents a mile on all railroads in Illinois was passed by the legislature Friday. The bill as it goes to the governor provides a maximum rate of 2 cents, except that in case a passenger fails to purchase a ticket at a station where the ticket office is open thirty minutes preceding the departure of his train; 3 cents a mile may be charged aboard the train.

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## The Baby's Name.

Madrid.—The son born Friday to King Alfonso and Queen Victoria will, according to a decree of the Spanish government, bear the title of Prince of the Asturias. The principality of the Asturias was formerly the mountain refuge of the aboriginal inhabitants of Spain, who remained there unconquered alike by Roman and Moor. In many respects the Asturias is regarded as the cradle of the Spanish monarchy, hence the pride taken in the little prince of the Asturias.

## Costly Monument for Dog.

Webster City, Ia.—His love for a dog has caused Jacob Siffer, a wealthy and retired farmer of Grundy Center, to erect a monument to his memory costing \$1,500. The stone has been erected and is attracting a good deal of attention.

## Arrange Public Funeral.

Liverpool.—The lord mayor and the city corporation are arranging a public funeral for the late Rev. Dr. John Watson (Ian McLaren), who died May 6 at Mount Pleasant, Ia., and whose body is to be brought here.

## Earthquake at Arkutuk.

Irkutsk, Siberia.—A severe undulating earthquake shock was felt here at 5:30 o'clock Friday morning.

## Rails For Harriman Lines.

New York.—One of the largest individual orders for steel rails placed with a single steel company has been given to the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the Harriman lines. The contract calls for 150,000 tons of rails, representing close to \$5,000,000. Of this order 110,000 tons are for the Union and Southern Pacific systems and the balance for the Illinois Central. The contract calls for delivery in 1908 at the rate of 15,000 tons a month. The rails are to be of the open heart variety.

## Union Pacific's New Stock.

New York.—It was announced Friday at the office of the Union Pacific railroad company that of the \$100,000,000 of the common stock of the company recommended by the board of directors, \$42,587,128 will be reserved to be used only in converting the \$78,000,000 of convertible bonds. The balance of \$57,412,872, as well as any amount not required in converting bonds, will be offered to stockholders.

# ON CROP CONDITIONS

## SECRETARY WILSON SPEAKS REGARDING THE SAME.

# SOME EXAGGERATING REPORTS

## Spring Seeding a Little Backward, but There is Plenty of Time for Good Results.

Chicago.—The reports of damage to the crops which have been so numerous of late, owing to unseasonable weather and the ravages of bugs, have been greatly exaggerated, according to James Wilson, secretary of agriculture.

"Spring seeding is a little backward," said Mr. Wilson, "on account of the cold weather, but there is plenty of time between now and the last of September to grow a crop of all kinds of grain. In Minnesota and the Dakotas, where we get most of our spring wheat, seeding has been delayed about two weeks, but with a few days of warm sunshine planting will be in full swing. While the weather has been unseasonably cold in some districts, it has not been severe enough to retard plowing, and my advice is that the ground in these states has been nearly all made ready to receive the seed. We will have warm weather in a few days now and I don't see what it is to prevent a normal crop of spring wheat in these states.

"As regards the Canadian northwest, the claims being made that this year's harvest will be seriously diminished may have some foundation. According to what I consider authentic advice from that section the weather has been so cold that plowing has been almost impossible. In past years the Canadian farmer has generally left his plowing for the spring, and this year he finds himself in a bad predicament. In a normal year seeding would be about half finished in Manitoba and adjoining provinces, but I am told that today the farmers there have not got the ground ready for receiving the seed, even if the weather was favorable for this work. However, such a condition in the Canadian northwest will not make a great deal of difference when this year's crop is harvested. The Canadian farmer grows but a small proportion of the total crop of wheat, and I am of the opinion that the deficiency there, if there be any, will hardly be noticed when harvesting throughout the world has been completed.

"In the southwest there have been numerous calls for the past three weeks of damage being wrought by green bugs. These reports of damage to the winter wheat have been grossly exaggerated."

## COAL FAMINE IS PREDICTED.

Union Pacific Official Warns Small Dealers to Lay in Stock.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—"I look for a greater coal famine next year than ever before and the Union Pacific, which has always taken care of the people along its lines, will no longer be able to do so on account of the Hepburn bill," is a statement attributed to W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad.

"The small dealers," Mr. Park is further reported to have said, "have, in a way, depended upon the railway supply of coal to help them out, and unless they store their own coal during the coming summer, they will face a famine in the winter."

## DR. JOHN WATSON IS DEAD.

"Ian McLaren" Passes Away as Result of Blood Poisoning.

Burlington.—Dr. John Watson (Ian McLaren) died at Monday at Mount Pleasant, Ia. The cause was blood poisoning from tonsillitis. He was taken ill at Mount Pleasant April 25. Dr. Watson came to Mount Pleasant April 25 from Minneapolis to deliver a lecture to the students of the Iowa Wesleyan university. Enroute he became ill and was compelled to cancel the date. The illness, which was declared to be tonsillitis, progressed rapidly to a fatal ending.

## State to Sue Contractors.

Pittsburg.—Civil and criminal suits will be brought by Attorney General Dodd against those responsible for the state capital scandal. A complete list of the defendants will not be known until the inquiry is completed.

## Activity in Grain Market.

Chicago.—The last week on the Chicago Board of Trade has seen a revival of the activity which prevailed there several years ago, and it is predicted by the more optimistic traders that business will continue at a higher level for some time to come.

## To Avoid Another Brawl.

Washington.—The cruiser Tacoma has, by orders of the war department left Santiago, the scene of the recent collision between the sailors of that ship and the police, and gone to Guantanamo, thus relieving the possibility of further friction.

## New York Child Labor Law.

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Hughes has approved the Page child labor bill passed by the legislature, desired by the child labor committee and the Consumers' league. It provides that no minor under 16 years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in any factory in this state before 8 a. m. or after 5 p. m., or more than eight hours in any one day. The permitted hours are now 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. and a nine-hour day is permitted. The act will not take effect until January 1, 1908.

## Quickest With the Gun.

Duncan, I. T.—James Lettwith, a wealthy cattle man of Loco, I. T., and candidate for state senator on the democratic ticket, shot and killed T. J. Clark, also a wealthy man, at the entrance to the court house in this city as a result of a feud which had existed between the two men for a long time. Both men were armed, but Lettwith was the quicker in drawing his revolver. Clark was 56 years old. Lettwith is 27 years old. He is an inexperienced shooter, as was Clark.

# THE ANGEL OF PEACE.



Uncle Sam—if he's like this as a peace representative, heaven preserve us from a visit from Mr. Stead in any other capacity!

# ADDITIONAL SECURITIES SOLD

## UNION AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC SELL LARGE AMOUNT.

Sharp Decline in Prices Follows the Transaction—Large Earnings for 1907 Reported.

New York.—New capital issues, aggregating \$126,000,000, which were announced Thursday by Union Pacific and Southern Pacific companies, created a sensation in financial circles and resulted in a sharp decline in prices on the stock exchange. When the announcement was made that the directors will ask their stockholders to authorize such issues quotations of Union Pacific shares dropped a total of \$2.25 per share from the previous high of the day. Part of this decline was made up in later dealings. This latest move on the part of the Harriman systems caused much comment in financial circles and drew a statement from Mr. Harriman, who said the directors decided it would be better to offer stockholders preferred stock at par rather than to sell Southern Pacific bonds at a high rate of interest. He believes this will better maintain the credit of the company.

"Southern Pacific has a floating debt of about \$22,500,000," said Mr. Harriman. "Of this sum \$14,200,000 is payable to Union Pacific for advances. Under the arrangement announced today Union Pacific will take 45 per cent of the \$22,500,000 stock offered by the Southern Pacific. Stockholders of Union Pacific will hold a meeting in June to authorize an issue of \$100,000,000 of common stock. An issue of \$75,000,000 debentures will have the first call on this to the extent of \$40,000,000, so that when all debentures are converted there will still remain a balance of \$60,000,000 common stock authorized, but not issued."

Mr. Harriman also said that the Union Pacific has \$243,000,000 in unencumbered assets and 1,625 miles of unimproved track.

Under the plan announced the debenture bonds, which will bear 4 per cent interest and which will be sold to stockholders at \$90 for each \$1000 bond, may be converted into common stock of the Union Pacific at any time within three to five years at the rate of \$175 per share of common stock. The market value of the common stock at the close of the exchange today was \$143.25 per share.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Union Pacific company the chairman submitted a statement showing the estimated earnings over operating expenses for the year ending June 30, 1907, to be \$22,465,000.

Deducting from this the interest on the funded debt, \$8,454,000; sinking fund requirements, \$1,200,000; interest on loans, \$377,000; and other expenses, \$27,000, would leave a surplus of approximately \$22,000,000.

Theater Managers Organize.

Kansas City, Mo.—The Middle West Managers' association, composed of theatrical managers, organized for mutual protection to rid the territory of objectionable shows and to present attractions at their actual worth, met here, with representatives present from Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Princeton N. J.—John Grier Hibben, in a communication from the Princeton Alumni committee of fifty, announces the gift of \$1,200,000 to Princeton university. The money was donated by a private family, whose name is not made public.

## COST OF THE CONFLAGRATION.

Loss at San Francisco Exceeded Aggregate of All Other Fires.

New York.—The San Francisco conflagration of April, 1906, swept away not only every dollar of profit previously made by the insurance companies out of underwritings since 1860, but cost them \$79,708,174 besides, according to a statement made by President George W. Burchfield of the national board of underwriters in the annual meeting of that organization here Thursday.

Double Murder in Missouri.

Brunswick, Mo.—Guy Dobbins and his son Thomas were killed by Schuyler Stephens at Dean Lake, Charlton county, eight miles from Brunswick. Thomas Dobbins was a non-lawyer of Brunswick. There had been a family feud for some time and the quarrel was renewed Thursday. Stephens killed his son-in-law with a shotgun and then started after the boy's father, who tried to defend himself by shooting at his assailant, but was killed near his own doorway. Stephens has been arrested.

Two Dead, Two Dying.

San Francisco.—The second death as a result of the street car riot occurred Wednesday, when John Buchanan, a car shop employee, 21 years of age, died at the Emergency hospital. He was shot through the abdomen. Two others are not expected to live.

Shriners Meet in St. Paul.

Los Angeles.—The Nobles of the Mystic Shrine voted to hold the next meeting of the imperial council in St. Paul, July 14 and 15, 1908.

Cutting Wool Prices.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The Wyoming Wool Growers' association has issued a circular advising sheepmen throughout the state that a conspiracy is being planned by eastern wool buyers to force down the price of wool in spite of manufacturers' demands.

Vessels Selling on Time.

New York.—The Atlantic Steamship companies do not propose to permit any delays in sailing as a result of the strike of longshoremen, which is still increasingly serious.

Des Moines, Ia.—Another extremely cold week has been added to the score of this abnormally cool and dry season. The average daily temperature the past week was 9 to 15 degrees below the normal. Minimum temperatures of 18 degrees were recorded at several stations on the night of May 2. On April 29 six to ten inches of snow fell in considerable portions of the southern and central sections; and snow surges were quite general on the 3d. The precipitation was generally very light.

Big Cattle Ranch Sold.

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Lincoln Man Wins Prize.

Princeton, N. J.—Among the prize winners announced at the Princeton Theological seminary commencement is K. P. McDonald of Lincoln, Neb., who won the second highest prize of \$400.

# LOCOMOTIVE SHIPPED TO BUTTE.

## Northern Pacific Limited Held Up Near Butte.

Butte, Mont.—The North Coast limited, the crack train on the Western Pacific, was held by Tuesday morning at the Nevada River, about 100 miles west of Butte, and several men were killed.

The subject of the robbery, it is presumed, will be to secure the contents of the through safe carrying consignments of currency from Seattle, Portland and Spokane to eastern points. The whereabouts of the postmaster have been wired for.

This is the fourth time the North Coast limited train has been held up in three years. The other times the train was robbed near Butte, about eighty miles west of here.

St. Paul.—General Manager Horn of the Northern Pacific gave out the following statement on the attempt to rob the North Coast limited near Butte, Mont.:

"No. 22 eastbound North Coast limited, Engineer Frank Clow and Conductor Culver, was held up on the east side of Butte mountain, about sixteen miles east of Butte, Mont., by two or more men who shot and killed the engineer and shot the fireman through the arm.

"They did some more shooting, but evidently became alarmed and left. Sheriff Webb of Billings was on the train and started on the trail of the hold-up men. Bloodhounds from the Deer Lodge penitentiary have been put on their trail also and we expect to get the men. Engineer Clow had been running that train for eight years ever since the limited was put into service.

"The robbers did not get any money. While this road has had several hold-ups in that vicinity in the past ten years we have captured the robbers in every instance and they are all doing time in the penitentiary and in all that time our money loss has not been to exceed \$5,000."

Helena, Mont.—A dispatch to Sheriff Shoemaker here says that the train robbers of the North Coast limited have been arrested at Basin, a few miles from Woodville, where they caught the train. They are mere youths.

Norfolk, Neb.—Slightly wounded in two places and claiming to have been charged with murdering Frank Jamer, after sleeping out in the woods around his farm for a week, during which time fruitless search had been made for him, on Wednesday sent for an officer and gave himself up to face the charge of murdering Frank Jamer, a saloonkeeper, a week ago. Boche shows the effects of his week of mental and physical suffering through bitterly cold nights. He received a slight but painful wound in the right hip and a glaze on the left knee when Sheriff Clements fired four bullets at him.

Boche says that he had \$800 when Jamer coaxed him, against his will, to visit the resort where he shot Jamer. He says Jamer urged him against protests to drink two glasses of whisky before starting and that his head began to swim immediately. While in the back he says Jamer felt of his pocket until he had to rebuke the saloonkeeper. Later in the night he says Jamer sat down beside him and grabbed at the pocket in which was his purse. He says that when he left the house with Jamer, he felt for his gun and it was gone. Then he started to go home. With an oath Jamer declared he could not go home, Boche says, and then he remembers reaching for his gun and shooting. He did not know he had killed Jamer until Monday of this week, when he found his son at a neighbor's farm. He says he knew nothing after the shooting until that night when he awoke in a hog pen near the scene of the tragedy. He hurried home, where he heard a man call "Halt!" Not knowing what was meant nor that it was the sheriff, he ran and was wounded.

Tuesday night he went home and asked that an officer come and get him. Constable Conley was summoned.

Boche looks like an insane man. He has retained former United States Senator Allen, who cleared him of the murder of George Ives eighteen years ago. He says Jamer had been trying to borrow money from him with which to pay saloon license fees. He says he told Jamer he had too much money to venture into the resort with.

## TUBERCULOSIS IN SCHOOLS.

Prevention of Spread of Disease Among Children Discussed.

Washington.—Interest in the session of the International Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis centered in the sociological section in which were discussed questions affecting tuberculosis in schools and factories. The sentiment was unanimous that crowded rooms, bad air and poor light were the prime causes of the spread of the disease, and that radical steps should be taken to overcome this condition. While it was admitted that occasional "open" cases exist the lack of proper hygienic conditions in the school room and workshop was credited with being responsible for the development of the disease.

## BROWN RE-ELECTED AS MAYOR.

Hot Fight Ends in Selection of Democrat by a Majority of 27.

Lincoln.—Frank W. Brown, democrat, has been re-elected mayor of Lincoln by a majority of 27 votes over his republican opponent, A. H. Hutton. Three democratic councilmen were elected, H. P. Bishop, Michael Bauer and Henry Mansfield, leaving the council as it is politically eight republicans and three democrats.

## Arbitration is Suggested.

Washington.—The Guatemalan minister, Senor Toledo Horrate, cabled to his government that it would be wise to offer to submit to arbitration the differences between Mexico and Guatemala. The minister was at the State department on Tuesday, and had a long conference with the officials in regard to the issue between the two countries. It is pointed out that both Mexico and Guatemala are already parties to a treaty framed at the Pan-American congress at the City of Mexico.

## Shoes Himself to Death.

Meeteetse, Wyo.—Henry Goodmiller, a sheep herder, began to sneeze a few days ago and he continued to sneeze almost unintermittently until he fell dead. The bursting of a blood vessel, caused by the violent attack of sneezing, was the immediate cause of death.

## Seven Battalions Annihilated.

London.—It is announced this afternoon in a special dispatch from Constantinople that seven battalions of Turkish troops have practically been annihilated in a battle with rebels in the province of Yemen, Turkish Arabia.

## Labor Troubles in France.

San Francisco.—The strike of the 1,700 union motormen and conductors of the United Railroads developed into a riot in which one man was killed, more than a score of persons were severely hurt, some fatally wounded and others hurt to a lesser extent.

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# ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Contract, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Having Reference to This Commonwealth.

An epidemic of swine is on at Oakland.

Herman has granted license to two colons.

A \$60,000 hotel is being erected in Fairbury.

Oakland High school has organized a baseball club.

The Ak-Sar-Bon of Omaha will this year have three grounds.

High Murphy of Omaha will do all paving in Fremont this year.

There is a factious fight on at Argusville over municipal control.

Edmund Viehop in pneumonia at Oakland, vice W. W. English, deceased.

Methodist has just dedicated a new Methodist church edifice at a cost of \$12,000.

Whooping cough is quite prevalent in Nebraska city, and there has been some deaths.

Old settlers of Otse county will hold their annual picnic this year at Paulsboro, June 13.

Right-of-way for the York & Gulf railroad is being secured in Seward county.

Mr. William Johnson, of Beatrice, on the eve of his marriage, was arrested for theft.

Greely is a "wide open" town on Sundays, with every place of business in full operation in defiance of law.

Anton Wanzel, ex. Ed. French and Joseph Finck of Saline county will start for Europe May 29.

Many children from all parts of the state are missing from the school room on account of measles.

Ferdinand Voligt, of Platte county, after twenty-six years' absence, has gone to the old country for a visit.

A handsome brick church has just been completed by the Presbyterians of DeSmet. The building cost \$4,500.

At a school meeting at Stromberg the patrons went on record in favor of industrial training rather than learning from books.

Car burglaries upon the Burlington tracks have been frequent. It is said that a special detective force has been detailed to put a stop to these depredations.

The first annual convention of the western conference of the